



Date: March 8, 2023

Dear: Appropriations Committee

Re: H.B. No. 6659

My name is Nelcia Medley-Avila and I work at Pacific House as the Housing Manager. I am a resident of Stamford, CT. I writing this letter in support of H.B. No. 6659. I have worked with the homeless population for 19 years. I have seen the progress that has been made towards ending homelessness in the State of CT. It has been a collaborative effort with all hands on deck. In order for the progress to continue, funding is needed for the work to be done. With a 39% increase in homelessness and the rise of inflation, an additional 50,000,000 would allow for confronting the workforce shortage, adequately funding the cold weather response system, community based operations and more. Homelessness affects all areas of society and we can decide to be a part of the solution. The State of CT can help to end homelessness!

Thank you to the committee for this opportunity to provide a written testimony. It is with your support that we can rescue the homeless response system and help make sure Connecticut's residents are healthy and stably housed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Nelcia Medley-Avila', is positioned below the 'Sincerely,' text.

Nelcia Medley-Avila, LCSW

Housing Manager

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